

REMARKS

Claims 75 and 77-86 were examined in the Office Action under reply. Claims 77-79 and 83-86 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claims from which these claims depend. Claims 75 and 80-82 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants note with appreciation the withdrawal of the rejection of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §102(a). These rejections are believed to be overcome as discussed more fully below.

In particular, solely in order to expedite prosecution, claim 75 has been cancelled and claim 77, indicated as allowable, has been amended to read in independent format. All of the remaining claims either directly or ultimately depend from claim 77. Thus, all claims are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

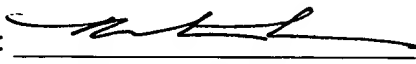
Applicants respectfully submit that the claims define a patentable invention. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is believed in order and is respectfully requested.

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